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1. In February 1952, Coswig received orders to begin increased production of oleum (fuming sulfuric acid) with about 24 percent free SO₃. Oleum was to make up about 74 percent of total Coswig production, and about 3,000 metric tons of oleum were to be produced per month.
- 25X1X 2. [REDACTED] most of the 3,000 tons of oleum will be delivered to the VVB Organa Bergbau-, Sprengstoff- und Zündmittelwerk Schönebeck/Elbe, VEB, (formerly Lignose Sprengstoffwerke GmbH), which is a powder factory and which received 400 to 500 metric tons of oleum per month up to February 1952. [REDACTED] this increased amount of oleum would enable the Bergbau-, Sprengstoff- und Zündmittelwerk, Schönebeck/Elbe, to produce about 1,500 metric tons of trinitrotoluene and 1,000 metric tons of nitrocellulose.

- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment: The Coswig plant is probably the VVB Alcid Schwefelsäure- und Superphosphatwerk, VEB, Coswig (formerly Fertilia, Chemische Werke A.G.).

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